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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Friday, August 17, 2012
Date/Time of Occurrence: Wednesday, August 16, 2012
Nature of Event: 16,721 Marijuana Plants Eradicated

Location of Call: Placer County, CA

Released by: Dena Erwin, PIO (530) 889-6901

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

A large marijuana garden, containing 16,721 plants, was cut down by Placer County Sheriff's detectives Wednesday northeast of Colfax.

The illegal grow was discovered by detectives during a helicopter surveillance mission. The plants were growing on a large plot of private property that borders BLM land at Secret Ravine. Because of possible booby traps, the Placer County Special Enforcement Team was utilized to secure the remote scene. As detectives and the SET team arrived at the scene, a Hispanic male fled on foot and was not apprehended. A handgun was recovered within the garden.

After the plants were cut down, they were loaded into cargo nets and flown out of the extremely remote location by the sheriff's office helicopter.

Illegal marijuana grows have become prevalent in Placer County. Citizens who hike in the area's remote canyons are reminded to stay aware of their surroundings. Should they encounter a marijuana grow, they are urged to get out of that area immediately and report what they saw to local law enforcement.



The photo at left, taken by a PCSO detective, shows marijuana plants as far as the eye can see. This grow was cut down by detectives
Wednesday in a remote area called Secret Ravine, northeast of Colfax.